

REMARKS

The Advisory Action mailed May 9, 2005, has been carefully considered. In response thereto, the application as amended is considered to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding Office Action and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully solicited.

At the outset, the Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 26, 34 and 42.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the present Amendment overcomes the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,346,831 to *Krishnamurthy et al.* In the Advisory Action, the outstanding ground of rejection was maintained because the present claimed invention “is anticipated by the applied reference with regarding to a forwarded body bias to a keeper.” In response, the Applicants have amended the claims to recite either the reverse body bias voltage of claim 2, the first forward body bias voltage and second reverse body bias voltage of claim 16, or the subject matter already indicated as allowable. Thus, the reason given in the Advisory Action for maintaining the rejection has been overcome.

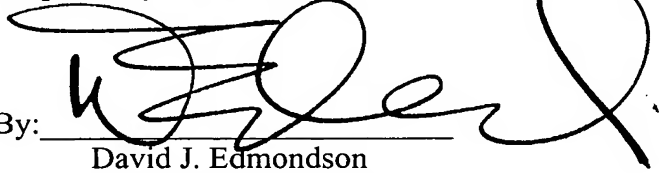
As explained in the Response to Final Rejection filed April 14, 2005, the use of a reverse body bias voltage is not taught or suggested by the applied reference. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully submit that the present claimed invention is patentable over the applied reference.

For the reasons set forth above, the Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice of such allowance is earnestly solicited.

If any issues remain that can be overcome most easily through a telephone communication, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

Please charge any deficiency in fees, or credit any overpayment thereof, to BLANK ROME LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (000687-00302). If a separate petition for extension of time does not accompany this Amendment or is insufficient to render this Amendment timely, the Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time for as many months as are required to render this Amendment timely. Any fee due is authorized above.

Respectfully submitted,

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